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REMARKS

By this Response, Applicants have amended claim 6. Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

In the Requirement for Restriction mailed May 7, 2002, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims drawn to three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, namely the species claimed in claim 3, the species claimed in claim 4, and the species claimed in claim 5. Applicants have been required to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner noted that claim 2 is generic.

Applicants elect the species of claim 5, without traverse. Claims 1, 2 and 5-19 are readable on the elected species. Applicants also note that claim 1, as the claim underlying generic claim 2, is also generic.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to

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telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application
can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A connection system according to claim [1] 5, characterized in that the adhesive connection is a quick-hardening adhesive.

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